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ARRIVALS
September 11, MORO, German str., 656, Peter-
sen, Hon. Koo Bay 7th September, Ge-
neral—B. SCHILLER & Co.
September 12, HAWAII, German steamer, 741,
Samuelson, American 10th September, General—
MELCHERS & Co.
September 12, SLEATH OF BELL ISLE, British
str., 1,838, G. Grigs, Vancouver, B.C., 11th
August, General—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.
September 12, NAMAO, British steamer, 663, 1.
G. F. COOK, Foochow 12th Sept., Aug. 10th,
and 11th, General—DOUGLAS LA-
URE & Co.
September 12, MEEPOO, Chinese str., 1,284, W.
H. Lunt, Whampoo 12th September, Gen-
eral—C. M. S. N. Co.
September 12, ALWINE, German steamer, 400,
A. BENDIX, Hoihow 11th September,
General—WILLET & Co.
September 12, COO, British steamer, 1,730,
C. H. KEMP, Glasgow 1st August, and
Singapore 9th September, General—AEN-
HOLD, KARBERG & Co.
September 12, PROPHETIC, British str., 1,387,
Wm. H. FERD, Otaru 2d September,
Coil—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
12TH SEPTEMBER

Chuan, German str., for Saigon.
Tziam, British str., for Swatow.
Daphne, German str., for Yokohama.
Ningpo, German str., for Ningpo.
Hoihow, British str., for Swatow.
Norden, Norwegian str., for Katchinotu.

DEPARTURES

September 12, KWANG-CHIA, Chinese gunboat,
for Pakhoi.
September 12, HALCONG, Brit. str., for Tamsi.
September 12, KONG BENG, British str., for
Bangkok.
September 12, NAMPLONG, Brit. str., for Amoy.
September 12, NODDEN, Miss. str., for Kuan-
tung.
September 12, TAISANG, Brit. str., for Swatow.

PASSENGERS
ARRIVED
For NAMON, str., from Coast Porta.—Mr. and
Mrs. MARTINOFF, and 1st Chinese.
For OOPACK, str., from Glasgow, &c.—2nd
Chinese.

REPORTS

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Amoy to Swatow fresh N.E. breeze and fine but
cloudy weather. From Swatow to port light
N.E. winds and fine weather. In Foochow sun
in Amoy, sun, Fornace, Tongking, and Hainan.
In Swatow stra. Whampoo, Yungting, and Tong-
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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1890.

The Merchandise Marks Ordinance comes
into force on the 1st January next. One of
its provisions is that falsely marked goods
are "prohibited to be imported into the
Colony," and it is further provided that "the
Governor in Council may from time to time
make, revoke, and vary regulations, either
general or special, respecting the detention
and forfeiture of goods the importation of
which is prohibited." The only way to
carry the prohibition into effect would be by
means of an examination of all goods arriv-
ing in the Colony similar to that made by
the Customs in England. No machinery
exists for such an examination. It was on
this account that we attempted, while the
Bill was before the Council, to show its far-
cical nature, inasmuch as it was represented
that it would have the same effect as the
corresponding Act in England, whereas prac-
tically, under the circumstances of this
Colony, it can have only the most infinitesimal
effect if any at all. It seems to be con-
cluded that the law is, in all cases, to be
set in motion by information supplied by
private individuals, who are to give security
for costs. This, however, will depend on
the regulations to be made by the Governor
in Council. Those regulations can hardly go
to the length of establishing a general examination
of all goods imported into the Colony.
If, however, it is intended to make regulations
at all under the Ordinance, it would be well
that the draft should be submitted for the
consideration of the Chamber of Commerce
and for public discussion as soon as con-
venient, in order to afford ample time to
suggest amendments or excisions.

The last mail brought out the report of
the Select Committee of the House of
Commons appointed to inquire whether
any alteration was needed in the provi-
sions or the administration of the Mer-
chandise Marks Act, 1887. Amongst
the many witnesses examined, representing
various trades, the shipping industry, mem-
bers of Chambers of Commerce, officials from
the Customs Department, and others, there
seemed to be a consensus of opinion that
the Act had been most beneficial to the
manufacturing interests of the country, and
that the importation of fraudulently marked
goods, or of goods bearing a false indica-
tion of origin, has materially diminished since
the Act came into operation. If a similar
law could be enforced in this Colony great
benefit would result to legitimate trade,
but so far we are absolutely without the
machinery to work it, and the regulation
to be made by the Governor in Council will
go but a little way towards supplying such
machinery, for the powers possessed by the
Superintendent of Imports and Exports in

this Colony are very different from those
possessed by the Customs Authorities, who
are the administrators of the Act in Eng-
land. In reference to the Customs, the
report of the Parliamentary Committee
says:—"Certain allegations of bad ad-
ministration of the Act by the Customs
Authorities, and of overstraining its penal
provisions, have been carefully investigated
by your Committee, who, after a searching
examination, have convinced themselves that
that department, having regard to the novel
and onerous duties imposed upon it, has
acquitted itself with great fairness, and with
a just interpretation of the powers conferred
upon it by the statute."

One of the most important points
into which the Committee had to inquire
was that raised by witnesses on
behalf of the shipping interest, who con-
tended that that industry was being seriously
damaged by the inconvenience caused to
shippers through the examination of goods
in transit. The Committee say, however,
that they cannot recommend the abolition
of this examination, as they are of opinion
that such abolition would facilitate the im-
portation into England, for transhipment
to America and elsewhere, of large quanti-
ties of goods bearing false indications of
origin, or otherwise falsely marked, to the
great detriment of the British manufacturers
and workmen. They find, moreover, that
there is no considerable diminution in the
import of foreign goods transhipped or in
transit, and that any diminution which has
taken place since the Act came into force in
1888 is not due, to any extent, to the operation
of the Merchandise Marks Act, but
may be fairly attributed mainly to other
causes, notably the dock strike and the
subsidies given by foreign Powers to their
mercantile marine.

The next paragraph of the report deals
with the suggestion that the words "made
abroad" should be substituted for the actual
indication of the country of origin now re-
quired. Such an alteration in the Act, the
Committee say, would nullify one of the lead-
ing principles adopted by the Conference
at Rome, and again at Madrid, and could
not be maintained in any international con-
vention for the purpose of preventing a false in-
dication of origin being applied to goods.
They point out that the consumer is just as
much defrauded if he buys Swedish goods
in the belief that they are German, or
French wine in the belief that it is Spanish,
as if he buys foreign goods in the belief that
they are English; and that if Great Britain
is to press for international arrangements
for the discouragement of dishonest trade,
her own legislation must be of general and
not particular application. It is suggested,
however, that the name of the country might
be held to be a sufficient indication of
origin without in all cases insisting on
the name of the particular place in which
the goods were made.

The question of the importation of adul-
terated goods is dealt with in the report. These,
unless they bear a trade description, cannot
be detained. The Committee are of opinion
that much harm is being done to legitimate
trade by the impunity with which spurious
articles are introduced into the country, and
they propose that the Act should be amended
by making the Customs "entry," which
must bear a description of the goods im-
ported, a "trade description" within the
meaning of the Act. This would give the
Customs power to detain goods who the "trade
description" of which is false as to the
material of which they are composed. In
Hongkong, where there is no Customs entry,
it would be impossible to deal with the question
in this way. So little importance does
the local Government attach to the
practice of adulteration, however, that it
recently legalised it by the removal of the
penalty which formerly was attached to it.

After making recommendations as to the
facilitating of prosecutions, the Committee in
the concluding paragraph of their report say
they have received abundant evidence that in
the opinion of the mercantile community it is
of the highest importance in the interest of
honest trading that an international con-
vention should be entered into with such
foreign countries as are willing to adopt the
principles of the Merchandise Marks Act.
The Committee "entirely share this opinion,
and trust that Her Majesty's Government
will continue to avail themselves of every
opportunity to secure such international
arrangements as will prevent the sale of
falsely marked merchandise in all
countries that are parties to the convention."
If this is the policy of the British Govern-
ment it should certainly be conformed to,
in the hope that the rest of the world
will be induced to do the same.

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The Echo, referring to the lamented
decease of Mr. H. P. Tannant, says:—"It came
as a great shock to his many friends, since
nothing had been heard previously of his being
ill or even indisposed. Mr. Tannant's residence
at Fochow extended over some twenty years,
and it is not too much to say that he became
as much a part of the social life of the
person of the community as anyone else, reciprocating
the feeling of attachment. Admittedly a good
man of business Mr. Tannant was also a kind
sociopian. He was a good judge of a horse,
and few equalled him in the saddle. But perhaps
he will be best remembered by those who did not
know him in his racing days for his unrivaled
genial manner and pleasing address. He was
a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club, and
the Officers of the A. & S. Highclercs for their
Superintendent of Imports and Exports in

the Chinese gunboat Keang-chu left yester-
day for Fochow.

The Inquiry into the circumstances connected
with the case of Messrs. Blashfield and
Co.'s premises will be opened at the Magistrate's
office on Thursday at 10 o'clock to-day.

An inquest was held yesterday, the
evidence adduced being as follows:—
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CHAPTER X

The ladies were just sitting down to supper when Robert Harbut burst in upon them.

"Dear me, Robert, how you startle one!" Miss Peyton said, as he suddenly opened the door and ran in.

"Don't sit down, Miss Peyton; for goodness sake, don't sit down. I know you will be obliged to keep my news until you are dressed up, and it do so well to sit down to a meal."

"What is your news, Robert?" Miss Leopold asked quickly, while Constance looked anxiously at him.

"My news is this—I have got a clue."

An expression of surprise and pleasure broke out on Miss Leopold's countenance.

"It was just as I expected," he went on. "I have learnt by a most singular chance who the man was who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Corbyn on the Continent. I have not got his name, but that will be easy to discover, for I have learnt that he arrived at Mr. Corbyn's account of the man who should be the man who will be no difficulty whatever in getting his name from the College books."

"But how did you find out?" Miss Peyton asked.

"By the extraordinary piece of luck of knowing scores probably the only man who could give me the information," Robert then repeated the story he had heard.

"To be sure, indeed," Miss Peyton said, while he had finished, "downright providential. Now we have only to find out the man's name, and then to find him."

"The second part of the affair will be more difficult than the first," Robert said. "However, I imagine that most of the scouts are natives of Oxford, and their fathers have been scouts before them, or in some way connected with the College, so that if I do not find out the name of the man himself living there now, may find some of his people and hear where he now is if alive. I say it all, Miss Corbyn, because you know we have agreed that at this took place some eighteen or nineteen years ago the man may not be alive now, and it is as well not to start by being too sanguine as otherwise we might have a good deal to do."

"I am almost convinced that it is alive," Miss Peyton said. "I don't think you would ever have heard of him in this strange way if he hadn't been alive. And now let us change the subject, and have supper. I am afraid that we shall find Mr. Allen's dishes taste the better for standing so long."

"I am very much obliged to you, Robert and Miss Peyton, for your kind spirits. Miss Peyton, although she had no knowledge of the subject, was evidently full of it. Constance, though the happiest of the party, was the most silent. She had lately herself begun to give up hope. She was ready, had there been any, to go to search for, to have devoted her life to the pursuit, but when there was no clue to follow, she was in some way disappointed, and in the search should do nothing but distract her.

"After consulting the calendar the butler took down a volume from his shelves. After examining it for a minute or two he said, "Yes for the last three terms of their residence were both on staircase three, third court. Mr. Corbyn's rooms were immediately over those of Mr. Robert's."

"Thank you, that is all that settles the question about the year. Now then as to the cost?"

Mr. Freeman took down another volume labelled "Details of Scouting" "Yes, here's it is. In that year, Thomas Morson was the scout who attended upon the six sets of rooms on that staircase."

"He left the college two or three years later, I think."

"Did we not see that? He was here at the beginning of the next year and of the year after that, for he was in charge of the same sets of rooms."

"You are right," he went on turning over another page. "His name is not in the next year's list... I can find out exactly when he left it is of any importance to you by turning to the calendar."

"Thank you, I do not care at present that it is of any consequence, but there is never any saying what may be useful and what may not."

"He left at the beginning of the long vacation," Mr. Freeman said, after some further search.

"I am very much obliged to you, Mr. Freeman, for the trouble you have taken. The butler's information I wish to find out I shall, no doubt be able to learn from servants who were here with the man."

"You will find several here who were in the college employment at that time. The college porter has been here over thirty years and he will be able to give you a list of the other servants who were here with this man, Morson."

Robert Harbut then went back to the porter's door.

"I want to have half-an-hour's chat with you," he said. "I want some information that Mr. Freeman can probably furnish me with, and of course I am ready to pay you for the trouble of giving it," and he slipped a sovereign into the man's hand.

"All right, sir, I will do my best to give you what you want," said the man.

"So far," Robert Harbut said, "it has been matter of pure chance, but now I must suppose that even the most practicable detective cannot invent a clue he must wait until one presents itself, and then it is his business to carry it out. In this case the first operations are simple and obvious. I shall to-morrow morning take the train to Didcot, and go up to Oxford. I shall find out the name of the man, Mr. and Mrs. Corbyn on their travels, and if possible, discover whether his family live at near Oxford, and if so shall then learn from them if the man is alive, and if so where he is living. If he is dead and has left a widow, it may be useful to find her, and would probably tell her the story and from her we may learn something about the man. Mr. Morson, who was a secret agent, kept secrets twenty years ago," "Well," I said, "if you want to know him, you had better go to the church at Folkestone, that would strengthen our case greatly, for the really weak point is that we are not in a position to prove this marriage took place there, and that the missing leaf in the register contained this name. We do not, however, a court would accept the evidence, and it is a strong argument in our favor that the man is a secret agent, and it enables us to make a satisfactory compromise."

"I should be ready to make any sort of compromise," Constance said, "as far as the estate is concerned, providing they will admit that my mother was lawfully married."

"I should think," Miss Peyton said, "that you are right, if it is a case of nothing, though I am certain that was the truth, she would not give way a single point unless she were forced to."

"You see, Miss Peyton as I have already explained to Miss Corbyn, the difficulty in effecting anything in the form of a compromise, is that the man is a secret agent. No one of the principals can do more than tell his business, the estate is entailed on the direct heir—male or female—and an entail can only be broken by the existing holder with the consent of his next heir. Either Mr. Clitheroe or Miss Corbyn is the owner of the estate, and neither of them can break the entail until they have a son and heir, or, failing sons, a daughter, the consent of the next heir whoever he may be."

"But you yourself said that there might be some sort of compromise, Robert?" Miss Peyton said sharply.

"There might be a compromise, but one not of a legal nature. The Mr. Clitheroe might agree to trust Miss Corbyn with the estate, and acknowledge the relationship, and even to put on paper the acknowledgement of his absolute conviction that a marriage took place between her parents. I grant that this would place him in a singular position, and that if Miss Corbyn intended to settle down here in him, it would be a good turn, rather than a bad one, to Morson."

"Oh, if that's so, I will tell you all I know about this man, and tell him what you want him to do."

"Well, sir, what do you want him to do?"

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"I do not think," the butler said, "that he had any right to do that."

"My brother," the butler went on, "was here at the time, and I asked him and he said he had never seen him on before, and as one of us is always at the gate we should have seen him if he had been here. He looked just the sort of chap who would come to see a widow, and you may be sure that when he did, he would be in a position to change him to his taste."

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